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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Concerning claims 1-8

As to the compounds represented by the general formula (1) set forth in claim 1, it is disclosed that Q^1 and Q^2 are each alkylene of 1 to 9 carbon atoms and oxygen or substituted amino may be inserted between methylene groups constituting the alkylene.

Owing to this disclosure, however, Q^1 and Q^2 include remarkably many groups, so that a group of compounds represented by the general formula (1) does not have such a common chemical structure that a person skilled in the art can grasp the group of compounds as one organized inventive concept. Thus, the group of compounds is unclear. Further, only compounds wherein Q^1 and Q^2 are each methylene are specifically produced in the description. Such being the case, it can not be said that the description and the claim disclose the inventions of these claims in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for the inventions to be carried out by a person skilled in the art. Further, the inventions of the claims are unclear, so that it cannot be said that the inventions are fully supported by the description (PCT Articles 5 and 6).

Since the present invention is thus inadequately disclosed, in this international search report, prior art search has been made only in the rational scope judged from the disclosure of the description.